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SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION
[37 CFR 1.9(c-l)]

Each undersigned declares that:

- (1) ☐ the application attached hereto
 (2) ☐ U.S. Application Serial No. _____ filed _____
 (3) ☐ U.S. Patent No. _____ issued _____

is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of the following:

(4) ☒ Each undersigned declares that he/she qualifies as an independent inventor, or would qualify had he/she made the invention, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).

(5) ☐ The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below; that this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d).

(6) ☐ The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the organization identified below; that this organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in:

- (a) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(1)
 (b) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(2)
 (c) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(3)
 (d) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(4)

State law of _____

(7) Each person, concern or organization to which I/we have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- (a) ☐ no such person, concern or organization
 (b) ☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below

[a separate declaration is required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to this invention averring to their status as "small entities."]

Full Name CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHEAddress P.le Aldo Moro 7, 00185 ROMA Italy

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☒ Nonprofit Organization

I/we acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement of small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I/we hereby declare all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

(8) CANNELLI Giovanni Bosco

Typed Name of Inventor

Signature *G. P. V. Cannelli*Date 23 aprile 2005

Typed Name of Inventor

Signature

Date

(9)

Name of Small Business Concern or Nonprofit Organization

Typed Name

By

Signature

Date

Title of Signatory

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: _____

Application or Patent No.: _____

Filed or Issued: _____

Title: _____

I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE

ADDRESS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

P.le Aldo Moro 7, 00185 ROMA Italy**TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:**☐ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))☐ NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

I hereby state that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization regarding the above identified invention. If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities and that no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization exists.
☐ each such person, concern, or organization is listed below.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Fabrizio TUZITITLE IN ORGANIZATION OF PERSON SIGNING Managing Director - Legal RepresentativeADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING P.le Aldo Moro 7, 00185 RomaSIGNATURE [Signature] DATE May 5, 2005

P/CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Docket No. _____

I, undersigned hereby authorizes the U. S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from _____ as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U. S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U. S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I, as a named inventor, I hereby appoint the registered patent attorneys represented by Customer No. _____ to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including

address all telephone calls to

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: CANNELLI Giovanni Bosco

Inventor's signature: *Giovanni Bosco Canelli* Date: 28.4.05

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00133 ROMA Italy ITX

Full name of second joint inventor, if any: _____

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: _____ Citizenship: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Full name of third joint inventor, if any: _____

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: _____ Citizenship: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Full name of fourth joint inventor, if any: _____

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: _____ Citizenship: _____

Post Office Address: _____

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: High-resolution and high-power ultrasound method and device, for submarine exploration

the specification of which: (check one)

REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

☐ was described and claimed in International application No. PCT/IT2003/000751 (if any) filed on 19.11.2003 and as amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
ITALY	RM2002A000581	19.11.2002	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

Application No. _____ Filing Date _____ Status (patented, pending abandoned)

(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No. _____ Filing Date _____ Status (patented, pending abandoned)

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to this International application

CANNELLI Giovanni Bosco

is entitled to claim priority of earlier application

RM2002A000581 IT filed on 19.11.2002

by virtue of the following:

the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application.

This declaration is made for the purpose of the following designations for national and/or regional patents: US

☐ This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)
The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
 for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/..... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Mailing Address:

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Inventor's Signature: Giovanni Bosco Cannelli Date: 15 novembre 2003

(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:

(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:

Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:

(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:

(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

☐ This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".